

# Meanwood Primary School Newsletter 5th September 2025



New This Week:



We would like to welcome to school our new members of staff:



Miss C Sandiford -Children's Welfare Officer

Mrs H Ahmed—Teaching Assistant

Mrs S Rafiq—After School Club Assistant

Ms D Kauser—Teaching Assistant



#### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025/2026

For your information, please find below the term dates for 2025/2026.

Parents/carers are urged not to interrupt their children's schooling and talk to the office staff before booking leave of absence.



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#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES - 2025/2026

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Ē	Last day at school	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026
Half	Public holiday – School closed	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 and Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
	Easter holidays – School closed	Tuesday 7th April 2026 - Friday 17th April 2026

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	Public holiday – School closed	Monday 4th May 2026
	Last day at school	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
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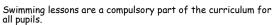
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	Last day at school	Friday 17th July 2026
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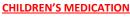
#### **SWIMMING LESSONS—4B**

Class 4B will be doing the first swimming lesson block in September.



The block lasts 11 weeks and will start on Wed 10th September.

Please ensure pupils come to school with swimming kits.



Please be reminded that all children's medication now needs to be brought back into school, clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Please also return the completed medication forms.



## Important Reminders

#### WRAPAROUND CARE

We are excited to let you know that from September we will be extending our wraparound care provision.

## Wraparound Childcare

#### Early Birds Before School Club

This is from 7.45am to 8.45am each day and for £1 per session we offer a healthy breakfast and a range of activities. Children are escorted to their classroom after the session.

Bookings must be made on the Arbor app in advance and must be booked at the latest by 7:15am before the session for that day. Please note that pupils must arrive at the club before 8.15am.

#### Wise Owls After School Club

From September this will be from 3.15pm to 5.30pm every day.

For £6 per session we offer childcare with a healthy snack and drink and a range of activities. Bookings must be made on the Arbor app by 2:30pm the day before the place is required e.g. book by 2:30pm on Tuesday for a place at the club on Wednesday.

Please note that children must be collected by 5.30pm or your child's place may be withdrawn.

You can now only book these sessions on the Arbor App.

If you have any questions about our wraparound care or the Arbor app please contact the office on 01706 648197.

The Early Birds and Wise Owls Clubs both run on a first come, first served basis. If you are not able to book a session, this is because the session is full and we will not be able to accept any other children that day. Please do not turn up if you have not booked a place.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PLACES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

#### REPORTING A CHILDS ABSENCE

In order to report a child's absence through the Arbor Parental Portal APP, firstly go to the <a href="https://home.page.org/">home Page</a> of the Arbor App.

To record an absence, click on the Quick Actions button and then click on Attendance.



Please then provide the reason and symptoms in the box, and then click on Log Absence.

Log Absence

Please could parents return the **Parent Information Booklets** if you have not already done so.

Thank you

#### **Arbor Parent Portal and App**



Arbor Parent App

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We are now using Arbor as our main way of communicating to parents and carers, and so would really appreciate it if <u>ALL</u> parents can now sign up for the APP.

Arbor will be the <u>only way</u> to book clubs from now and shortly we will be using it to order and pay for school dinners.

**Apple** 



Android



It can be downloaded for free, using the QR codes above and then wait until you receive a **welcome email** from school to be able to set your password.

Thank you to all parents who have already downloaded the APP.

Please contact school if you have any questions about using the new App on **01706 648197.** 

#### MEANWOOD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM— A REMINDER

The school uniform at Meanwood is:



- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt or polo shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with Meanwood logo, or a plain navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers
- NO SANDALS OR CROCS CAN BE WORN FROM SEPTEMBER

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery except plain stud earrings -which will need covering for PE if they cannot be removed by the child.

For  $\overline{\text{INDOOR}}$  PE children need plain dark coloured shorts / leggings and a plain white T-shirt

For <code>OUTDOOR PE</code> children need plain dark coloured shorts / leggings, a plain white T-shirt and trainers.

For OUTDOOR PE (colder months) children will need a plain dark coloured tracksuit / fleece bottoms, a plain jumper and trainers.

Children will also need a pump bag to store their PE kit in.

Children will need a bag as they will be bringing a reading book and reading record home every day, plus homework and letters from school. It helps your child to be organised if they get into a good habit of bringing their book bag to school every day.

Please ensure all your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their name on.

Thank you



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• NO DIAGNOSIS

NEEDED TO

ATTEND
•ADULTS ONLY

HEATON PARK GOLF CLUB, MIDDLETON RD, PRESTWICH,
MANCHESTER M25 2SW

## **TIMETABLE 2025**

THURSDAY 18<sup>™</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 7.30pm-9pm

### THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025 7.30PM-9PM

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655 FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY







#### **NUT-FREE SCHOOL POLICY**

We would like to inform our parents / carers that our school is a nut-free environment.

Please do not send any food items containing peanuts, tree nuts (such as almonds, cashew nuts, walnuts etc.) or any products made with these ingredients to school.

We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all our students.



NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS

Rochdale Parent Carers



## **September Coffee Session**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 10am-12pm

This Session we will have The SENDIASS Team joining us to introduce their service to Parents and Carers . Come along and find out more.

Opportunity to ask questions and find out more about The SENDIASS Service who from October will offer private 1-1 appointments during our monthly coffee sessions



Our sessions are held at:
Second Floor
Spotland Bridge Mill,
Mellor Street,
Rochdale
OL11 5BU with our Parental
Engagement Team. Booking not
required - just turn up!

This is a safe and open Parent Carer space for discussion so please do not bring Children and Young People you care for to this session



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THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025 7.30PM -9PM AT HEATON PARK
GOLF CLUBHOUSE, MIDDLETON ROAD, PRESTWICH (ENTRANCE TO THE
CLUBHOUSE IS ON MIDDLETON RD OPPOSITE SAINSBURY'S THROUGH THE
PARK GATE)

WE ARE A MALE SOCIAL CLUB SUPPORTING THE FAMILIES
OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER AREA WHO HAVE OR CABE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR
DISABILITIES
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PEED SUPPORT AVAILABLE

- SIGN POSTING TO ACTIVITIES, SERVICES AND THE PARENT FORUM IN YOUR AREA

• ORGANISED FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR SENSORY EQUIPMENT IN GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOLS

DROP IN TO OUR SESSIONS IF YOU LIVE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

· MANCHESTER · STOCKPORT · TAMESIDE · OLDHAM · ROCHDALE · BURY · BOLTON · WIGAN · SALFORD · TRAFFORD

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Rochdale







#### An introduction to person centred planning tools Person-centred thinking and planning tools can help to improve understanding, communication and relationships, supporting your neurodiverse child or young person to lead a full and fulfilling life based on their own aspirations and dreams. In this session, we will learn about -Capacity posters Relationship circles Important to/important for Good day/bad day What's working/what's not working so well Sessions will be held at: Spotland Bridge West Mill (2nd floor) **Bridgefold Road (off Mellor Street)** Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Session date

Tuesday September 16th 9.30-11.30

**Person Centred Planning** 

**Umbrella Session** 

Sessions are booked via
Eventbrite - search for
Umbrella sessions or email
rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.cu

## The Umbrella Sessions

Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity

#### **TOOLS TO COMMUNICATE**

In this session we will look at alternative ways of communicating, supporting transitions and making the day easier to process, including -

Visual supports

**Comic strip conversations** 

Social stories

Now/next/then

These tools use the principles that visualization and visual supports may improve basic understanding and comprehension of conversation and help Neurodivergent children and young people to identify effective responses to different situations.

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#### Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	Inset Day
Tuesday	Inset Day
Wednesday	7
Thursday	2
Friday	4

#### A total of 13 children were late this week!

A big "Thank You" to those who arrive on time every day.

The main gates open at 8:30am. Your child needs to enter the class room at 8:45am. The class room doors close at 8:51am. If your child arrives after this time they are LATE.

#### Attendance



#### School fines for unauthorised absence have changed.

The government (Department for Education) has introduced a new national framework for penalty notices which parent/carers must pay if they take a child out of school during term time, for holidays or unauthorised absence. The changes came into effect for fines issued after 19 August 2024. We urge parents/carers not to interrupt their children's schooling and talk to the office staff before booking leave of absence.



2025 – 2026 Term Dates and other useful information is on our website: www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk